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The energy crisis may not have been the "only game in town" across North Carolina in recent weeks, but it certainly carried the highest stakes as severe weather conditions and natural gas shortages combined to deal many Tar Heels unplayable cards.

Echoing President Carter's call for such measures, Gov. Jim Hunt asked the state's citizens to turn down their thermostats and to take any other steps available to reduce energy use, saying the necessary energy savings could be achieved through voluntary efforts if all

tion offers some insight into the value of conservation.

FEA says keeping thermostats at 68 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night—readings which are higher than those suggested by President Carter and Gov. Hunt—could reduce energy use for heating by about 15 per cent.

"If every household in the United States lowered heating temperatures six degrees," the agency said, "demand for fuel would drop by more than 570,000 barrels of oil per day—enough to heat over nine million homes

It is unrealistic to think every American home would cooperate to this extent even in an emergency situation, but the figures offer dramatic testimony to the power of conservation as a tool for dealing with energy shortages now and in the future.

It may be a vital "ace in the hole" if government leaders are correct in predicting that the energy crisis "game" could become a permanent fixture in American life.

Editorial

Playing For High Stakes

With temperatures setting one record low after another and the gas shortage reaching a critical stage despite federal intervention, some North Carolinians have become unwilling players in a "game" where the dealer holds all the trumps.

For many, it has become a somber "game" of survival.

A few found themselves with the legendary "Dead Man's Hand," and didn't survive, as the cold bore down mercilessly on unheated homes where resources were limited or non-existent.

Thousands of others covered their cards with unemployment claims, as many industries were forced to close or drastically curtail production.

It quickly became apparent that there could be no winners in this relentless "game," and that only drastic conservation measures could see the state through to its end.

North Carolinians pulled together for the cause.

He also asked businesses to follow suit and to cut back on their operating hours, and many responded to the emergency.

At this writing, there has been no assessment of the energy austerity effort, either for the state or the nation. However, research by the Federal Energy Administra-



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The Board of Directors of North Carolina EMC has taken a stand supporting an energy stamp program to assist low-income and fixed-income families in paying for home heating and electricity.

Such a program has been widely discussed across the country in recent years, as the cost of power has risen drastically. Interest in the controversial concept has been rekindled by this winter's severe cold weather, which has sent fuel and electric bills soaring for all consumers.

The N.C. EMC board's resolution on energy stamps or other such financial assistance is being distributed to key members of Congress. A bill to establish this kind of program is expected to be introduced during the current Congressional session.

Meanwhile, officials of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association are asking for resurrection of an REA consumer loan program to assist electric co-op members in purchasing and installing insulation and energy-saving devices.

The request, made in a letter distributed to various government leaders, calls for reactivation of Section 5 of the Rural Electrification Act. Before the program was discontinued by REA in 1969, co-ops had borrowed

almost \$47.4 million nationally to use for such loans to members, on a non-profit basis.

In the letter, distributed to various government officials, NRECA Executive Vice President Robert D. Partridge said, "An aggressive use of a consumer loan program for energy conservation, such as that which may be possible through Section 5 of the act, would have an additional benefit of putting people to work in a constructive way during a time of high unemployment."

RECORD FOR CO-OPS

The nation's rural electric cooperatives put a record high level of electric power into their systems during 1975, according to figures compiled by the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington. The co-ops put 126.5 million megawatt hours of energy into their systems, a gain of 8.1 million mwh over calendar year 1974. Cost of the energy purchased by the co-ops averaged 1.38 cents per kilowatt hour -- a new high.

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A Kernel Of Truth

By Robert N. Cleveland
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It has been said that "no creature alive is safe in the state of North Carolina as long as the General Assembly is in session."

That creaky old wise-crack, like much political humor, is a bit of an exaggeration, although we wouldn't want to say it might never have been deserved by some of the more notable Tar Heel legislatures of the past.

Still, the one-liner contains just enough of a kernel of truth to inspire a smile, even in 1977.

At least part of that kernel of truth grows out of the General Assembly's ability to pass laws and set state government policy without restraint from the executive branch.

As the only state in 50 whose governor has no veto power, North Carolina has vested in its legislature a unique concentration of political power. This means the state has no complete "balance of powers" as it was so carefully drawn by the architects of American government.

The legislative and judicial branches of state government may be co-equal, but the executive branch is missing from the important three-way balance which proved its worth in federal government during the Watergate scandal as never before.

In addition, the Tar Heel governor's power is further diminished by restrictions which prohibit him from serving successive terms. North Carolina is one of only eight states which impose this one-term limit on their chief executives.

Many observers feel this makes the governor a lame duck within a year of his taking office, rendering him particularly ineffective in getting significant proposals through the legislature during the last half of his term.

The 1977 General Assembly seems just as satisfied with the status quo in these areas as its many predecessors have been, despite all that's been said by former governors about the need for changes in the political "balance" in Raleigh to foster more effective government.

Gov. Jim Hunt's call for the General Assembly to put the issues to a vote of the electorate has already generated considerable controversy around the Legislative Building. Since he is asking that the changes take effect for his administration, a major power struggle — probably involving personalities — is almost inevitable.

Gov. Hunt says, "I believe the people of this state deserve a chance to vote on whether the governor should have the veto power and the right to succeed himself."

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Then there's mountain entrepreneur Jack Guy who has established a marketing empire for mountain-crafted toys and musical

instruments that covers all 50 states and four countries, and who holds an honorary "Doctor of Folk Arts" degree from Appalachian State University.

Appalachian State, the main industry in Boone, was established in 1903 to train teachers who in turn would teach the people of Watauga County who yearned for such an educational opportunity.

Enrollment leaped in the 1960's from 3,300 to more than 8,500 students. The ski slopes began to spring up in the late sixties and early seventies, and today the area burgeons year round with a happy mix of permanent residents, students and tourists.

And during the winter months, it often burgeons with snow. This winter has seen more than 30 inches of snow, with temperatures dipping to -20 F in the county. Portions of the town's water pipes have frozen, and many residents are without running water. But it's been a lark compared to the winter of 1960.

Eighty inches of snow fell that year. Guy Shirley remembers when the frozen ground beneath his auto service center swelled and broke every window in the building.

But spring always comes. And with spring comes the multitude of fair-weather outdoor activities available in the area: cavern exploring, mountain watching, hang gliding, camping, fishing, outdoor theater, and others.

For the working folks, industry includes farming, evergreen trees, electronics, shoes, lingerie, and of course, tourism. And it's the "highest" industry in the state.

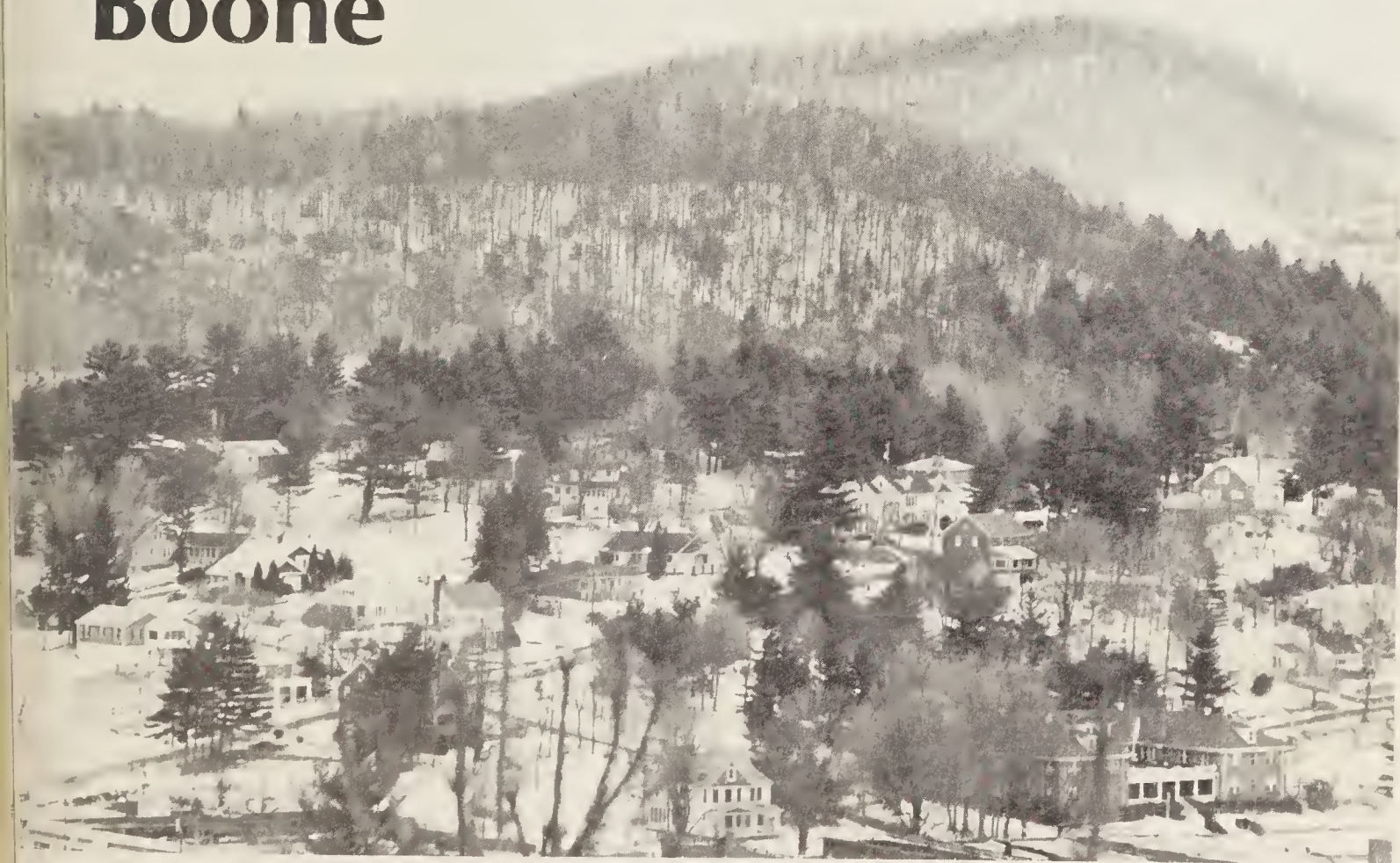
Even the valleys are 3,000 to 3,700 feet, eight ridges and peaks are more than 5,000 feet and 19 others are more than 4,000 feet from sea level. Wataugans say their land is the roof of North Carolina because it has the highest average elevation.

Living and playing on the roof—the Wataugans think it's a good way to spend any season.

Carolina Country Towns



Boone





TOP—Appalachian Ski Mountain is one of several commercial ski slopes in the Boone-Blowing Rock area. An extremely cold winter has made it a banner year for North Carolina's skiing industry. **ABOVE**—At the Aero

Star Aircraft Corporation, Joe Shuping measures the support tape for a hang glider under construction.

The manufacturing operation is an offshoot of the Blue Ridge Hang Gliding School, where some 500 persons have been trained in the sport in two years of operation.

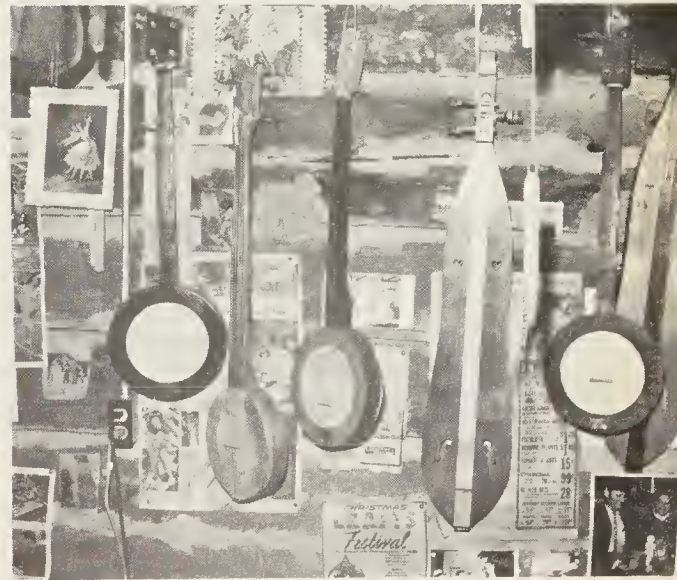
RIGHT—A stone monument on the campus of Appalachian State University marks the spot where for six years Daniel Boone had a hunting lodge.





LEFT—East King Street is the heart of Boone's downtown business district, although the town has a "neon strip" with small shopping centers, restaurants and motels on its outskirts. **BELOW**—Dulcimers and banjos are just two of the many products of mountain craftsmen available in Watauga County.

BOTTOM—Winebarger's Grist Mill is a 140-year-old family business. Water from Meat Camp Creek turns the wheel during warmer weather to grind corn, wheat, rye and buckwheat. When the stream freezes, a tractor supplies the grinding power.



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Misdirected Energy Conservation

EMC officials recently visited the home of Karen Vela, a Lumberton Robesonian reporter, to evaluate her energy crunch conservation measures. They found that many of them saved little energy, and pointed out other important conservation steps she could take. Her report on their visit is reprinted here from the Robesonian.

By Karen Vela

It had gotten to this point:

When I told my five-year-old that he couldn't have a package of chewing gum, he nodded with ageless wisdom, "I know, we gotta save our money to pay the electric bill."

He was right.

So when the opportunity arose to question Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation officials about my bill, I let them have it. "We are freezing," I said, "and living in the dark. Not cooking. Limiting television. Opening the refrigerator only on even numbered days. And so on."

Their sympathy seemed somewhat less than valuable until Tuesday morning, when a phone call announced their willingness to meet me at my house to evaluate my "situation."

I welcomed John O'Briant and Jim Reed, both of Lumbee River's Membership Services Department, and Edward Hughes of South River EMC in Dunn. I suggested they remove their coats, as I clutched mine even more tightly. All three declined.

Sunlight On Hearth

I was certain that they would soon see the "situation" from my point of view.

"There's the first problem," said Hughes, pointing to the small patch of sunlight falling on the hearth of my fireplace. That fireplace, with its improperly closed damper, was stealing my heat, they said, and causing the heat to run continuously despite the 55-degree setting on the thermostat.

From the foyer and living room, the house flows continuously back to the dining room and kitchen with no doors between. In those two rooms, the heat was not on at all.

"Problem number two," said Hughes.

All open rooms should have equalized heat, he explained, so that no one unit should have to do the work of three and therefore run constantly. If all three are equalized, then when the proper temperature is obtained, the units can cut off intermittently.

"It is the temperature in the room, not the thermostat settings, that is important," he said.

Thermostats Often Inaccurate

According to Hughes, few thermostats are 100 per cent accurate. By using thermometers, the accuracy of a thermostat can be checked. If, for example, the thermostat says 65 and the thermometer says 70, you know there is a five degree discrepancy and can adjust accordingly. It is important that the room temperature in adjoining areas be in agreement so that all heating units can work in unity, he stressed.

"You mean I can have heat and still come out ahead?" I asked, stunned at the realization that my freezing might have been in vain.

All three men nodded their heads sadly, and told me that I was only one of many who have fallen pray to false economics.

"What about my electric stove?" I asked. "I almost never use it."

Electric stoves, said Hughes, aren't very expensive to use. For example, an actual test involving a family of five, eating two meals a day at home every day for a year showed that the total cost was \$53 for the year for the stove.

Light bulbs are also relatively inexpensive, I was informed. A 100-watt bulb burning for 10 hours will use one kilowatt hour, Hughes said. "Ninety per cent of what lightbulbs put off is heat; 10 per cent is light," he said.

The best way to tell what you're doing right and wrong, the officials said, is to take daily meter readings, always recording the low outside temperature for the day as well. In this way, they said, you can see for yourself what works and what doesn't

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"That's fine for me. Now I know some things I can do, but what about the people who haven't caught your attention?" I asked.

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This theory has been strengthened in recent years by the success of North Carolina's environmental beach clinics, started as an experiment by the Soil Conservation Service four years ago and gaining in popularity as each summer approaches.

The format has remained unchanged from the beginning. The original "experiment" was carried out by Plant Materials Specialist Karl E. Graetz of Raleigh, who was interested in promoting use of the successful beach grasses developed by SCS plant materials centers and in promoting the planting of shrubs and trees to protect ocean-front property from eroding or washing away.

Working with district conservationists and other SCS employees assigned to counties with frontage on the Atlantic Ocean, the plant materials specialists enlisted the services of other environmentalists, including some who worked for North Carolina State University, county government, nurserymen, or private citizens concerned about conservation of coastal resources.

A Great Success

From the start, the beach clinics — as most people call them — were a great success. On clinics held more recently, participants have been able to see results of plantings that came from the earlier clinics.

Both beautification and protection are covered in each clinic. Participants learn where to plant grass and shrubs

to keep sandy dunes and other ocean-front property intact, techniques of planting, and how to maintain the protection. Landscaping, placement of foliage for attractive appearance, and suitable plantings are also covered.

A key "secret" is using native shrubs, usually found growing in the general area. There will always be a question about suitability of laurel or some other mountain plant for the ocean front.

Most of the clinics have been held along the southern coastal area of North Carolina, in the area between South Carolina line and Cape Hatteras. But clinics have also been held on the fabled Outer Banks.

3200-Mile Coastline

Since North Carolina has more than 3,200 miles of coastline — including ocean front, sounds, bays and estuaries — a great opportunity exists to apply the measures recommended in the clinics.

Sid Dronen of Raleigh, SCS plant materials specialist who succeeded to the job serving the two Carolinas and Virginia after Karl Graetz retired, continues the program very much the way it started.

A beach clinic takes place in one day, usually a Saturday in the spring or summer. Typically, the program starts in a building — City Hall, the volunteer fire department building, or some similar location that is easy to find. Accommodations are provided for 60 or 70 people — a typical number attending a clinic.

Property owners attending will see living samples of beach grass and shrubs on display in the hall. Usually the district conservationist will outline

the purpose of the day and introduce specialists. Then an Extension Service representative will give a slide presentation on lawn grasses and other plantings, allowing time for questions. A nurseryman will tell where materials can be obtained.

Specific Plantings Cited

Then the SCS plant materials specialist will tell of specific plantings that will work effectively in the beach area where the clinic is taking place, also showing color slides of successful plantings and landscaping. Ample time for discussion and questions is provided.

After a break for lunch — which often is provided at the place of the morning workshop — the traditional tour takes place. This usually covers two hours or more, and will include half a dozen sites. Some may be places with erosion problems, where the problems may be seen first-hand. But well-landscaped property, with planting of the type recommended, are also part of the tour.

Tour participants use their own vehicles, and may enjoy as much of the tour as they wish. Many take color photographs of successful plantings.

When the warm weather comes to the Carolina coast this summer, beach clinics will be entering their fifth successful season. Impetus will come primarily from that "word-of-mouth advertising" — people who have heard about the clinics from those attending previous ones, and want to learn about protecting their property. Each year some people who have attended before come back for a "post graduate" course.



Participants in a beach clinic at Topsail Beach in Pender County observe plantings of beach grass, designed with a pattern to beautify and protect the dune in front of an ocean-front cottage.

Text and Photo by Frank Jeter, Jr., public information officer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, for North Carolina.



Mullet, scaled and cleaned, are fastened securely on sticks and suspended over a bed of hot coals for roasting. They are turned frequently for even cooking.

Text and photo by
Gwen White.

Why Not A Mullet Roast?

Looking for something different to make your beach party, picnic, or backyard get-together a real smash? Why not try an old fashioned mullet roast?

On the northeastern coast of North Carolina, mullet roasts are still a popular past-time and a unique way to entertain. No doubt the process was one first learned from the Indians who cooked their day's catch on the sound and river shores.

For those living adjacent to the waters, there is the challenge of netting the fish, then preparing it for family or guest. For others, the fish may be purchased at the nearest fish market.

Whole fish weighing from one to two pounds should be selected just as they come from the water, then scaled and cleaned. The head, tail, and fins may be left on. No other preparation is necessary.

Several sticks about three feet long and measuring approximately one-inch by one-inch should be secured and sharpened at one end. The sticks should be of juniper or cypress since that wood will not burn to char when placed near an open fire as will pine or oak.

If the roasting is to be done on the shore, sand should be shoveled to form a shallow hole about a yard in diameter and several sticks of hardwood should be placed in the pit. Charcoal may be substituted for the wood if less "atmosphere" is desired, but a bed of hot coals must be available before the roasting begins.

When the coals are ready, a stick is inserted into each fish through the mouth and twisted well into the body to prevent losing the fish into the fire. The sticks then are placed at an angle over the coals and rotated periodically until the mullet are cooked to perfection.

Mullet are fat fish which have oil running through all the flesh, thus oil dripping onto the coals help add flavor and eliminate the need for basting during cooking. Roasting usually takes less than 30 minutes.

Whether served steaming hot with the familiar accompaniments to fish — coleslaw and cornbread, or with baked beans, baked potatoes and your favorite beverages — a mullet roast promises to be an unforgettable adventure in outdoor eating and entertaining.

Gwen White is the Dare County
correspondent for the
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The monitor automatically converts the

kilowatts per hour used into their cost-per-hour. It is a simple gadget, showing digital read-outs similar to watches which display the time in illuminated digits.

The patented electrical design measures the strength of flow of the electricity being used, and instantly converts the information into cents-per-hour.

A low energy user itself, the monitor alternately shows the time of day and cost-per-hour figures every four seconds.

By design, the monitor is an unobtrusive little box which allows the homeowner to enter the cost per kilowatt hour of electricity according to the rate price of electricity on his utility bill. Adjustments for changing electric rates can be made by a recessed dial on the front of the monitor, and the clock can also be set by the monitor's controls.

—Margaret Howe

Court Dismisses Surcharge

ruling does not apply to emcs

North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations and municipal electric systems are not directly affected by a recent State Supreme Court decision requiring the state's major private power companies to refund more than \$35 million in fuel surcharges to retail customers.

The decision, issued Feb. 1, declared that the State Utilities Commission overstepped its authority in granting permission for the special surcharge to be imposed by the three firms—Duke Power Co., Carolina Power and Light Co., and Virginia Electric Power Co.

The companies collected the surcharge from September, 1975, through August, 1976.

The original Utilities Commission order authorizing the surcharges didn't apply to the EMCs and municipalities, since they buy power from the firms at wholesale rates and are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission with regard to those rates.

However, an official of North Carolina EMC said the ruling could mean that those systems buying power from Duke will eventually receive refunds due to an agreement between Duke and its wholesale customers.

The agreement was executed last year between the company and the nine EMCs and 23 municipalities it serves. (See box for listing of EMCs affected.)

It called for Duke to refund wholesale surcharges if the Attorney General's office succeeded in challenging the commission's surcharge order and refunds were required for retail customers.

If the Supreme Court decision stands, Duke must honor its agreement and refund about \$5 million in surcharges to EMCs and

Nine North Carolina EMCs buy most of their wholesale power from Duke Power Co. and, as a result, will receive refunds of fuel surcharges levied by the company during 1975 and 1976.

They are: Blue Ridge, Lenoir; Crescent, Statesville; Davidson, Lexington; Haywood, Waynesville; Pee Dee, Wadesboro; Piedmont, Hillsborough; Rutherford, Forest City; Surry-Yadkin, Dobson; and Union, Monroe.

municipal power systems. However, Duke is expected to seek a rehearing in the case before the Supreme Court. Whenever the case is finally settled, the firm has three years in which to make the refunds, either in cash or as credits on wholesale power bills.

N.C. EMC Executive Vice President Robert N. Cleveland said the refunds are expected to come in the form of credits—and probably not anytime soon.

"Because of the possibility of more lengthy legal maneuverings, it could be 1980 before these credits ever show up on the EMCs' bills. By then, they will have long since been eaten up by inflation and rising wholesale rates," he said.

"Whenever the refunds are made, they'll help reduce the co-op's overall power costs, but it's not unlikely that they could be passed on directly to the members-owners."

Duke and Vepco both collected the surcharge after they were authorized to do so by the FPC. They, along with CP&L, sought that authority from the federal agency in 1975, soon after it was granted for retail customers by the State Utilities Commission.

In Vepco's case, the wholesale customers have appealed the FPC's decision on the surcharge

and are waiting a ruling on the appeal.

CP&L abandoned its effort to collect the surcharge from wholesale customers last May through an agreement with those customers. As a result, the surcharge was never collected from the 18 EMCs and 24 municipalities which buy power from CP&L.

The surcharge was added to the power companies' fuel adjustment charges after the 1975 General Assembly ordered a change in the procedures used for setting the level of those charges.

Since January, 1974, the companies had been automatically adding fuel charges to their bills to recover the rapidly rising cost of fossil fuel used in producing electricity. Because of a two-month lag in gathering cost data, the fuel charge on one month's bill would reflect the utility's costs from a period two months earlier.

The legislative order decreed that the Utilities Commission must rule on the level of the fuel charge each month, based on estimates of fuel cost for the current month.

The power companies contended that because of the two-month lag in gathering information on fuels, they lost fuel charge revenues from the lag period when the new procedures went into effect on September 1, 1975.

The Utilities Commission accepted that argument, allowing the companies to collect the alleged losses through the surcharge.

The N.C. Court of Appeals had upheld the order last year, but the Supreme Court's 4-3 decision overturned that ruling.

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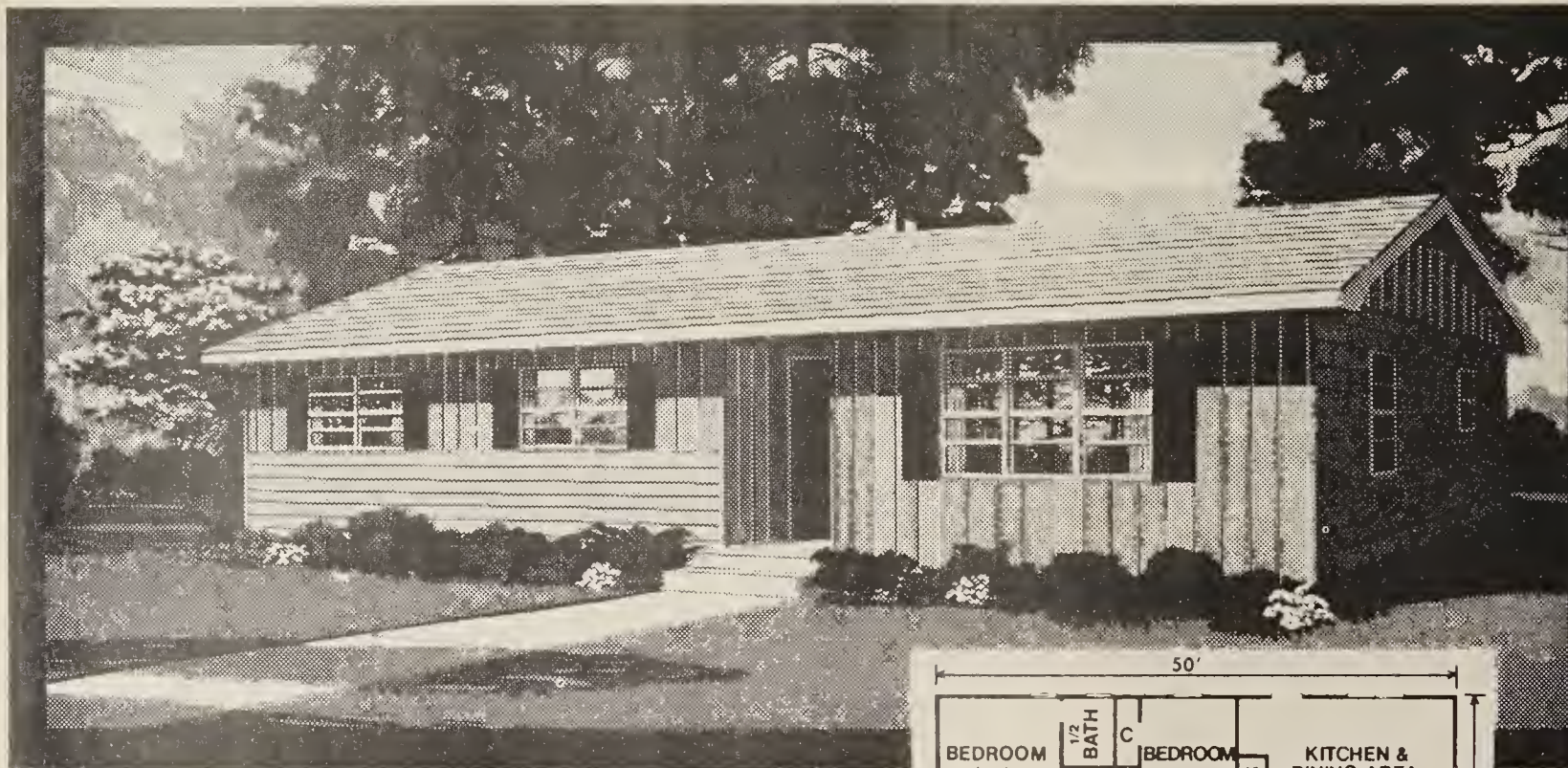
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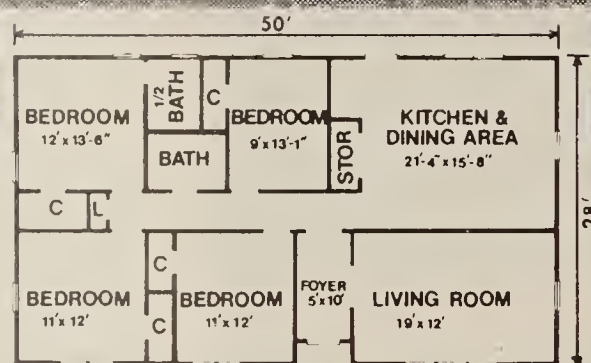
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Submitted by Ruth Moose of Albemarle, N.C.

BLENDER SALAD DRESSING

1 1/3 c. salad oil
2/3 c. sugar
1 c. catsup
1/2 c. vinegar
1 Tbsp. salt

1/2 tsp. celery salt
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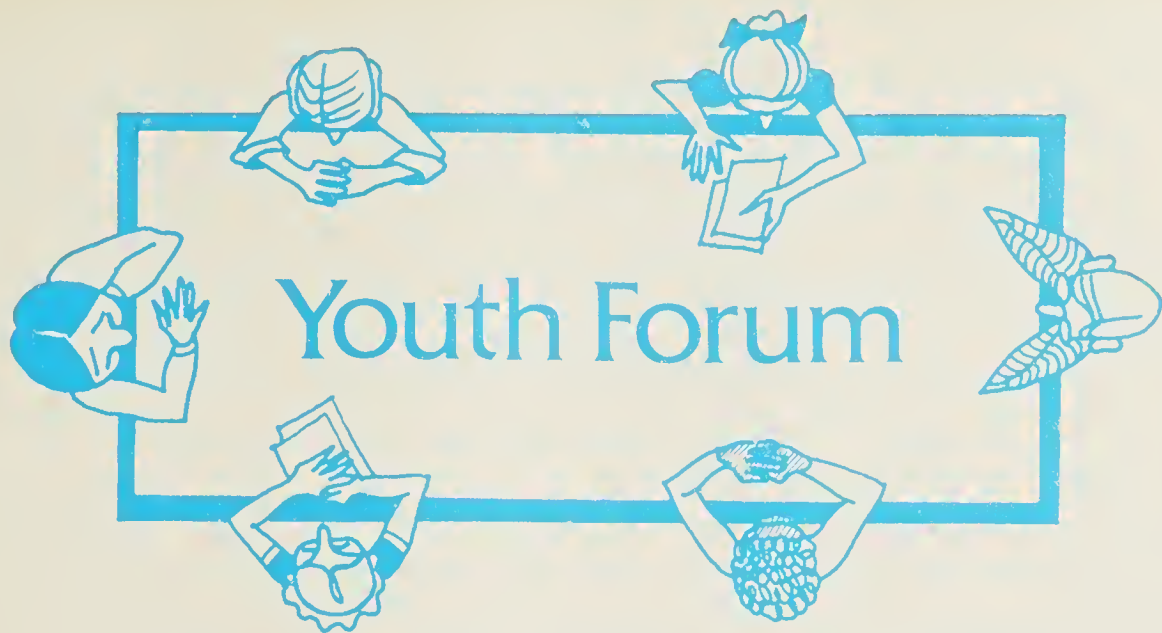
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How can teenagers learn to respect their teachers more?

"I think if a person listens to what the teacher says he will get along with her just fine. If you have respect for the teacher she will in turn have respect for you. If you obey the school rules and regulations, you won't have any problems with anybody. Keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut and learn all you can and you will always come out on top."

Jaimie Eugene Stilwell
Hickory

Jaimie is a seventh grade student at Blackburn Middle School. His hobbies include model car building, football, baseball and reading. Jaimie and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stilwell, are served by Rutherford EMC.

"The number one thing is for teenagers to realize that teachers are people, too. They have feelings and they want to be liked by their students. Every bit of that 'hard' work teachers give is to teach you something that may help you later on. The best rule for teenagers about getting along with teachers is: Be nice to them and they will be nice to you."

Tammy Miller
Jefferson

An eighth grader at Jefferson Elementary School, Tammy's hobbies are reading and sewing. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Miller, are served by Blue Ridge EMC.

"Teenagers can learn to respect their teachers more, by convincing themselves and realizing that the teacher is trying to help them, not punish or be cruel to them, to cope with society, to spend money wisely, to help the students choose what kind of job they want, how to work well on that job, and how to keep it."

Chris Reynolds
Fayetteville

Chris, a seventh grader at Southview Junior High School includes fishing, astrology, firearms, archery and animals as his hobbies. He and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reynolds, are served by South River EMC.

"Respect is one of the most important needs in schools today. But before a teenager or anyone else can have respect for others, he must have respect for himself. Then, when he sees how it is important to others, he will realize that the teachers care enough to want to help him, not be against him. In order for anyone to get respect, he must also learn to give it."

Nancy Richardson
Warrenton

Nancy is a senior at John Graham Sr. High School. She enjoys reading, writing poems and sewing. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson, are served by Halifax EMC.

"Teenagers can do many things to respect their teachers more. Teachers need to know if they are helping you, so don't shut them out. Doing your assignments not only shows responsibility but also that you care enough to do them. Respect is an attitude not just a thing to do. It is like kindness. It grows once you start to plant it."

Cammi Pawlack
Gastonia

Cammi, a sophomore at Paw Creek Christian Academy, enjoys animals, writing, reading, trampolining and cheerleading. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Pawlack, Jr.

NEXT QUESTION: "What kind of world will we teenagers be living in when we get older?"

If you have a good answer, send it to YOUTH FORUM, Carolina Country, P. O. Box 27306, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, immediately. Tell us a few facts about yourself—your age, school, hobbies, etc. Include your parents' names and the name of the electric membership corporation serving you. If your answer is published, we will send you \$5. If you want to submit a question, send it along and for each one used, the sender will receive a \$5 check.

A Wilkes County family which grows sawtimber, pine and Christmas trees has been named Conservation Farm Family of the year for 1976 by the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Edwin H. McGee family of Mt. Pleasant received the award in recognition of conservation practices they use on the family farm.



Photo by Frank Jeter, Jr., USDA-SCS.

McGee family receives award from Joseph L. Williams of Duplin County, president of the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Left to right: McGee, Williams, McGee's 14-year-old son Sherwin and Mrs. McGee.

McGee, forester with the N.C. Forest Service, raises corn as well as trees. He has also developed an experimental arboretum with walnut and other trees and plants. His wife makes several hundred dollars each Christmas making pine roping for decorations.

Runner up for the award was the Don Lee family of Arapahoe in Pamlico County.

The awards were presented at the association's annual meeting in Wilmington, Jan. 17-19.

Other awards presented at the meeting were:

President's Award—James D. Bellamy Jr. of Brunswick County, who operates a thriving feed and livestock market while also growing tobacco, other row crops and livestock. A former president of the association, he was honored for his conservation work on local, state and national levels.

Watershed Man of the Year—H.A. (Jack) Smith of Raleigh, former director of the Wake County Department of Natural Resources, who was honored for

his work in obtaining land rights on the Crabtree Creek Watershed Project in Wake and Durham Counties.

Watershed Project of the Year—Cane Creek Watershed Project in Union County, which is being developed for both flood protection and recreation purposes. The first of its planned 10 dams provides a 320-acre lake on its 1,000-acre tract, serving 1,200 people daily. Project financed by voter-approved bond issue for land rights.

Environmental Conservation District of the Year—The five-county Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District, including Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Camden and Currituck, recognized for work with outdoor classrooms, land judging, environmental poster contests, woodland improvements and other programs involving 2,500 students. The award is presented by the National Association of Conservation Districts and Allis-Chalmers Corp.

Awards, Awards, Awards ...

The Ronald Thurman Burleson family of Richfield in Stanly County has been presented the 1976 Outstanding Young Rural Family by the North Carolina Cooperative Council.

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The Burlesons, who were sponsored in the competition by the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association, received an expense-paid trip to the American Institute of Cooperation at Texas A&M University next summer as part of the honor.

Burleson, 27, and his wife, Terry, are the parents of a young daughter, Ashley. Both have participated in a variety of area farm associations and activities.

The family farm is primarily a small grain production operation, but also includes a beef cattle herd.

Mrs. Burleson, a Pfeiffer College graduate, teaches English at

Albemarle Senior High School, where she has helped establish a human development course for students interested in the teaching profession and a school radio program as part of her journalism class.

The award was presented during the Cooperative Council's Annual Meeting in Raleigh Jan. 26-27.

Also honored by the organization was Trace Faye Angley of Mulberry in Caldwell County, who received the Outstanding Cooperative Youth Award.

A 17-year-old senior at Gamewell-Collettsville High School, will also receive an expense-paid trip to the AIC.

Miss Angley, who was sponsored by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation in Lenoir, is the daughter of Mrs. Jacob Angley and the late Mr. Angley. She plans to continue her education at UNC-CH.

Other state winners in the youth competition, and their sponsors were Kathy Renae Bass of Midway,

Sampson County 4-H Club; Richard Douglas Crabtree of Hillsborough, Orange County 4-H Club; Vanessa Washington of Twin Oaks, Blue Ridge EMC; and Michael Ray Dishman of Sugar Grove, Blue Ridge EMC.



Ronald Thurman Burleson with wife, Terry, and daughter, Ashley.

Environmental Conservation Teacher of the Year—Ronald W. Christman of Salisbury, who has promoted environmental outdoor classrooms, tree and shrub plantings, overnight camp-outs, and conservation improvements to the school grounds. The award is presented by NACD and Allis-Chalmers Corp.

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Carolina Conservationist Awards—Patricia G. Francis, Mecklenburg County Schools' full-time environmental teacher, who has been involved in outdoor classrooms, field trips, camping and other activities. Also Herbert Crase of Elizabeth City, a forester with the N.C. Forest Service for an eight-county area. He was honored for work with forestry practices, environmental classes, wildlife plantings, multiple land use promotion and cooperation with other agencies.

Distinguished Service Award—Gwen White of Manteo, Dare County correspondent for the Elizabeth City *Daily Advance*, whose articles have promoted conservation practices. She has also worked to save Jockey's Ridge sand dune and to create outdoor classrooms.

Distinguished Service Award for SCS Employees—Jesse L. Hicks, state conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, who was cited for his "fine leadership abilities" in promoting the state's conservation movement into one of the leaders in the national movement.

Goodyear Conservation District Awards—Wilson Soil and Water Conservation District, first place; Davidson Soil and Water Conservation District, second place. The award, by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., recognizes comprehensive programs of natural resource conservation and efforts to enlist public support for such programs.



Furney A. Todd, extension professor of plant pathology at N.C. State University, has been named by *Tobacco International* magazine as one of its eight Men of the Year for 1976. He was selected for the honor by tobacco industry leaders around the world. The publication cited him as coordinator of "one of the most outstanding educational efforts in tobacco disease control in the world today." The program is Extension-Research on Wheels, which utilizes farm plots across the state to test disease control



treatments and demonstrate them to farmers.

Ronald J. Knouse, manager of the member and public relations department of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, has been elected vice president of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. He also serves on the N.C. Arts Council.

State Sen. Nancy Chase and Sen. Kenneth Royall have been awarded Valand Awards by the North Carolina Mental Health Association. The annual award recognizes legislators who have provided outstanding leadership in the mental health field.

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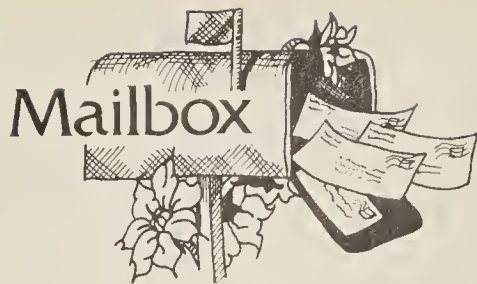
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I would like to know the basis of your statement that service is "sluggish". Have you had a specific problem with your mail service? If you have had a problem have you informed your local Postmaster and requested assistance?

In a recent article in the *Fayetteville Observer* newspaper, a reporter quoted local merchants as saying the UPS strike had not hurt their business. The major alternative to delivery of parcels at this time is the Postal Service and it had to make timely deliveries for the retailer to have sufficient stock on hand for Christmas shopping.

You further state that the Postal Service rates are more costly than UPS

and the service receives a substantial government subsidy. The rates charged by the Postal Service are set by law and we are not allowed to compete at the same rate as UPS. The subsidy that the Postal Service receives is based on a declining scale since reorganization in 1971 and it is approximately 10% of our budget for 1971 which is equivalent to 5% after the impact of inflation since 1973. This subsidy is meant to provide service to all areas of the United States including sparsely populated rural areas, Alaska and Hawaii. There are more than 30,000 Post Offices nationally serving this country. The Congress recently passed a law stating that these Post Offices would not be closed for the sake of economy on the feeling there is a need for a national communications network. As information, UPS has roughly 2,000 offices nationwide and service to rural areas is only when there is a parcel for that area, not daily service. UPS also has a pickup charge for parcels that is now shown in their rate schedule. The only way to avoid this would be to drive a considerable distance to one of their outlets.

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You commented about the increased cost in Postal rates since 1971. Before the Reorganization Law was passed the Postal Service operated by Federal Subsidy while maintaining the Postage rates at a nominal rate. Following the Reorganization we were mandated to operate on a breakeven basis. We reduced our deficit each year until 1973 when we came close to meeting our budget. In 1973 and 1974 we suffered, as did the rest of the country, under double digit inflation. No small part of the increase in operating cost was related to the sharp increase in the cost of utilities including electricity. We asked for rate increase in 1973 but it was not approved until almost two years later. This, of course, is critical in the operation of a public service and you can well imagine the impact such problem would cause if you requested

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a rate increase which was delayed for two years.

You referred to the fact that other industries have automated while the Postal Service still handles much mail using old methods. Under the old Post Office Department most large Post Offices were built in the 1930-40 era. They were not designed for mechanization. One of four mandates of Postal Reorganization was to place employees and mechanization in adequate facilities. In 1972 only 20 per cent of the Postal buildings were considered adequate. You cannot mechanize out dated buildings.

In the Postal Service, "we consistently maintain 95% or above performance on both originating and destinating mail service."

The Postal Service has been involved in a building program and a related installation of mechanization. We have made progress here and we are continuing but the building had to come before the machinery and under the terms of reorganization we have several years yet to reach our goal. Evidence of reaching our goal is seen in the fact that in the last five years we worked 4.4 billion more pieces of mail with 39,000 less employees than in 1970.

You stated that the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability favor private companies delivering mail with the Postal Service continuing to handle unprofitable operations such as rural delivery. This is somewhat the situation with United Parcel Service. They have been allowed to set rates just below those of the Postal Service and accept slightly larger parcels. No private firm could compete with these advantages. The size and weight limitations on parcels acceptable to the Postal Service were drawn up to meet the needs of the Railway Express Agency. That agency is now defunct but the restrictions on the Postal Service remain.

If letter mail were carried by private firms what would be the cost of delivery to rural customers? Under your concept utility companies would provide electrical power where it was profitable and customers in rural areas would get electricity from the government subsidized facilities.

Is rural electric service provided without government subsidy? Should the general public provide services to certain groups or areas at the expense of everyone? Is the obligation to serve all people less for a responsible private firm than for the Government? Why

give the profitable portion of the mail business to a private firm and use tax money to support the unprofitable portion? Taking your approach the Postal Service should have separate accounting for highly populated and rural delivery areas. I am certain we could show a profit if we were judged only by the urbanized areas and given a subsidy for the rural areas.

The question of private mail service goes much farther than a simple control or privacy question for telephone service. The Postal Service transmits tangible messages and property to customers. If we are talking on the telephone and we are disconnected there is no real problem. If we have a letter or parcel that is not delivered, we have a problem. If private firms delivered mail, who would insure that they delivered all mail daily that is due to be delivered? Who would deliver in marginally profitable areas? Who would control rates: Where could you buy postage and deposit mail, in the neighboring town? Who would protect and insure the privacy of your mail and insure postmarks were correct and prevent theft and accept claims for loss and insure uniform rates?

Since this country began the importance of a national mail system designed to transmit messages with accuracy and privacy has been a basic concept. I believe the government must control this means of communication to insure the equality of service and the security of mail to all citizens at a minimal cost. The Postal Service is a service and I believe most people support it. We provide more than just service for letters and parcels too. We provide service for second class publications such as *Carolina Country* magazine for which you pay only .015¢ per copy. This rate is set in the interest of public information. This is the same public that is entitled to good mail service regardless of whether they live in a rural area or in the city.

I hope you now have a better understanding of the operation of the Postal Service. I request that you print this commentary on your editorial so your readers may have the facts on which to make a judgment. In the future if you or your readers have questions about their Postal Service, please discuss them with the local Postmaster first and give him an opportunity to serve you.

G. W. Hoge
Sectional Center Manager/
Postmaster, Fayetteville

We have found your magazine very useful in our Language Arts class at my school. I would, therefore, like to order a year's subscription sent to me so that we will not miss a single issue.

James Dove
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I just finished reading the December issue of *Carolina Country* and I especially enjoyed an article titled "Searching Your Family Free II, Keeping Your Records." The article was written by Mr. Dick Pence. I am in the process of tracing my family ancestry so the article is especially helpful to me.

I enjoy reading your magazine monthly because of the many varied and interesting articles. Keep up the good work!

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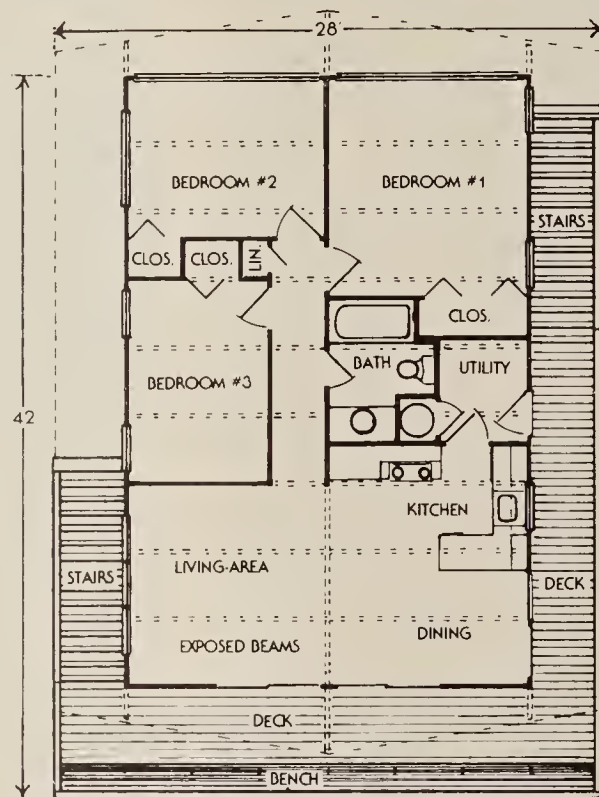
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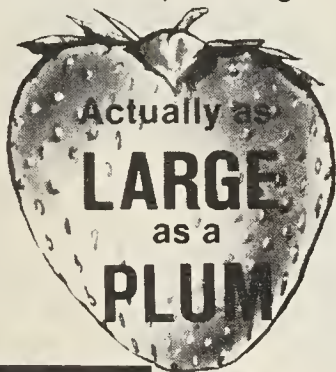
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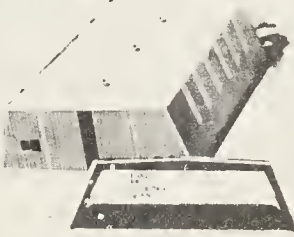
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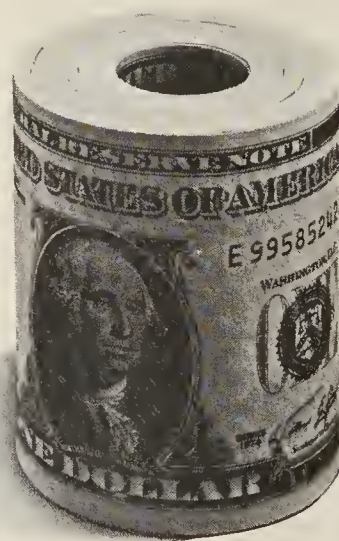
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Then, a tornado-like gust descended and blew the roof off the church. Pained, the minister looked skyward and said, "Lord, you know what you are doing."

Then, came a flash of lightning and bent the TV antenna on the minister's quarters. "You know what you're doing, Lord? You're messing around with Barbara Walters!"

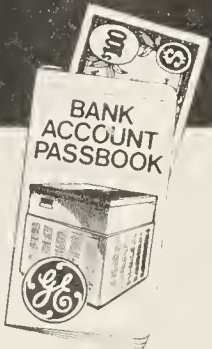
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Night Before Spring

'Twas the night before spring
When all through the wood,
No animals or birds or creatures stood.
Tall were the trees, dark and bare,
In hopes that springtime soon would be there.
The flowers were nestled snug in their beds,
And soon would be showing their bright little heads.
The chattering squirrels and buzzing bees
Had just settled down in their warm hollow trees;
When out in the wood there came such a noise
That all of the animals' ears were poised.
Away they all flew, quick as a flash
Kicking up pine cones, leaves and ash.
The moon on the sides of the sloping hills
Gave each animal an inner thrill.

When what to their wondering eyes should there be,
But a tiny flower, as blue as the sea.
With its lovely head (only one inch tall)
We knew in a moment that was not all.
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Until there were ten of them all in a row.
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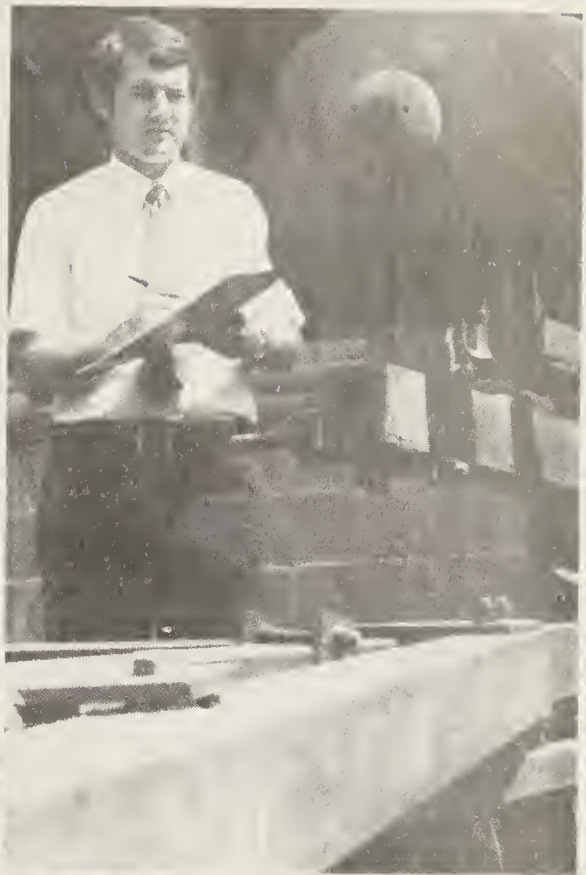
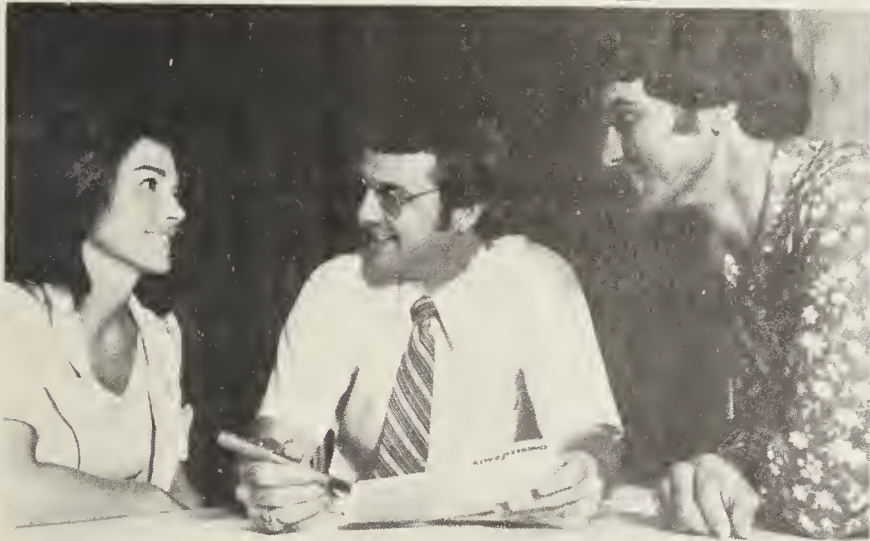
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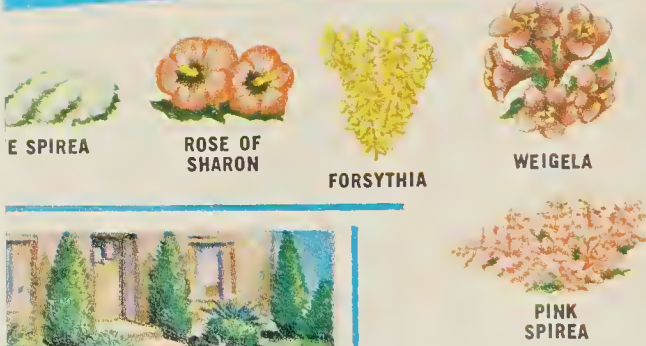
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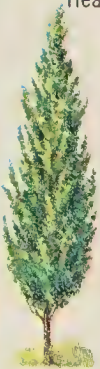
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